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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled IN SITU REDUCTION OF COPPER OXIDE PRIOR TO SILICON CARBIDE DEPOSITION; the specification of which was filed on October 9, 2001 as Application serial 09/975,466;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56;

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The undersigned is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee below (the "Assignee"). A true copy of the original Assignment of the above-captioned application from the inventor(s) to the Assignee is attached hereto. This Assignment represents the entire chain of title of this invention from the Inventor(s) to the Assignee.

I declare that all statements made herein are true, and that all statements made upon information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, or any patent issuing thereon.

The undersigned hereby revokes any previous powers of attorney in the subject application, and hereby appoints the registrants of Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP, 620 Newport Center Drive, Sixteenth Floor, Newport Beach, California 92660, Telephone (949)

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Auguste J.L Sophie, a citizen of the Netherlands, residing at Eerdekkensstraat 32, 3001 Heverlee, BELGIUM, Hessel Sprey, a citizen of the Netherlands, residing at Vredestraat 15, 3010 Kessel-Lo, BELGIUM, Pekka J. Soininen, a citizen of Finland, residing at Haltijatonttie, 21A1, FIN-02200, Espoo, FINLAND and Kai-Erik Elers, a citizen of Finland, residing at 4345 NW Chanticleer Drive, Apt. #135, Portland, OR 97229, USA, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a IN SITU REDUCTION OF COPPER OXIDE PRIOR TO SILICON CARBIDE DEPOSITION for which we have filed an application for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/975,466, filed on October 9, 2001;

AND WHEREAS, ASM Microchemistry Oy (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a with its principal place of business at Kutojanterie 2B, FIN-02630, Espoo, FINLAND, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and the said Application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in return for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said inventors, do hereby acknowledge that we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all provisional applications relating thereto, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

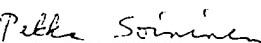
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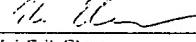
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Pekka J. Soininen

This 16th day of November, 2001.


Kai-Erik Elers